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# PROBLEMS.

111. BY PROF. J. H. KERSHNER, MERCERSBURG, PA. — Given

$$\frac{x+y}{x-y} + \frac{x-y}{x+y} = 3\frac{1}{2} \dots (1), \quad x^2 + y^2 = 45, \dots (2)$$

to be solved without the use of an auxiliary unknown.

112. BY PROF. M. L. COMSTOCK, GALESBURG, ILL. — Wishing to know the height of a tower standing at the summit of a slope on the opposite side of the street, and not being able to leave my room, I measured the angles of elevation of the bottom and top of the tower  $40^\circ$ ,  $70^\circ$ , respectively, and the angle of depression of the foot of the slope  $40^\circ$ ; and a passer-by carried a tape-line across, giving me the distance from my point of observation to the foot of the slope, 50 feet. I knew the angle made by the face of the slope with the horizontal plane of the street to be  $60^\circ$ . From these data, I found the height of the tower, having given,  $\log \tan 20^\circ = 9.651066$ ,  $\log \sin 50^\circ = 9.884254$ ,  $\log 10 = 1$ , and  $\log 171072 = 5.233188$ .

113. BY MARCUS BAKER, U. S. C. S., WASHINGTON, D. C. — The sides of a plane triangle are in arithmetical progression, common difference  $d$ , and the angle opposite the least side is one third of the angle opposite the greatest side; construct the triangle.

114. BY DR. NELSON. — Required the shortest proof of the *Pons Asinorum*. (Eucl. 47, I.)

115. BY THE EDITOR. — Show, by a geometrical construction, that the results obtained by Miss Ladd and Prof. Chase, in their solutions of Prob. 106, are the same.

116. BY ARTEMAS MARTIN, ERIE, PA. — A sector less than a semi-circle is cut at random from a given circle, and a circle inscribed in it. Find the average area of this inscribed circle.

117. BY F. P. MATZ, B. E., KUTZTOWN, PA. — Required the average area of all the acute-angled triangles that can be inscribed in a given ellipse.

118. BY PROF. JOHNSON. — Find the general relation which exists between the four sides and the two diagonals of any quadrilateral. Consider particularly the case when the opposite sides are equal.

QUERY 1. BY T. P. STOWELL, ROCHESTER, N. Y. — Which is the most effective; a break applied at the top or the side of a car wheel in motion?

QUERY 2. BY CADET E. S. FARROW, WEST POINT, N. Y. — Can the equation  $x^n + \sqrt[n]{x} = a$ , be solved?